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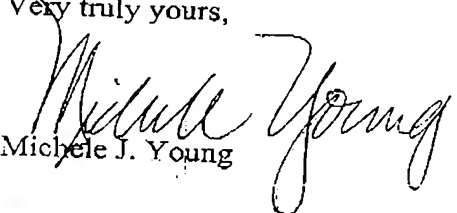
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COATING A SUBSTRATE BY
MEANS OF A CHEMICAL GAS PHASE SEPARATION PROCESS
Applicant: MATTHEE, Thorsten et al.
Filed: February 28, 2002
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Dear Examiner Colaianni:

Further to our conversation of even date, attached please find a Preliminary Amendment in connection with the above-referenced patent application for your review.

Very truly yours,


Michele J. Young

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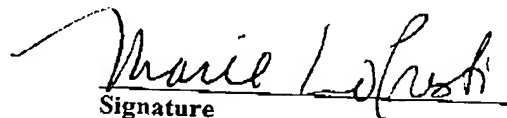
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant claims small entity status.

EXTENSION OF TIME

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(Col. 2) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(Col. 3) Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY Rate	Addit. Fee
Total	37	Minus	20	= 17	x \$9 =	\$153
Indep.	7	Minus	3	= 4	x \$42 =	\$168
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$135 =	\$0
Total Addit. Fee						\$321

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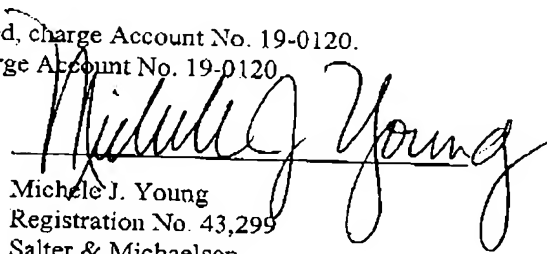
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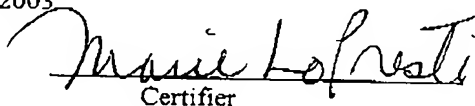
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, as extended, Applicants respectfully request entrance of the attached Amendment.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 5 and 12-15, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite the following claims:

1. (Amended Once) An apparatus for coating a substrate having a complex outer surface by means of a chemical gas phase separation process, the apparatus comprising:
an arrangement of filaments constructed and arranged to at least partially surround and conform to the outer surface of the complex substrate, wherein the distance between the filaments and the outer surface of the substrate remains substantially the same.